

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Office Action of December 28, 2006 (Office Action). As this response is timely filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due. However, the Office is expressly authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

In the Office Action, claims 10-13 were objected to for lack of proper antecedent basis. As of this Amendment, claim 9 has been amended accordingly. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failure to clarify the metes and bound of the claim. As of this amendment, claim 12 has been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1, 9-11, 13, 14, 22, 24, 25, and 27 were provisionally rejected in view of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/705,990 on the grounds of non-statutory double-patenting. As of this amendment, independent claims 1, 9, 14, and 22 have been amended to further include limitations as recited in claims 5 and 18, which were not rejected under double patenting. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that in view of such amendments the rejection is moot and respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1-4, 6-17, and 19-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0038708 to Wu (hereafter Wu), in view of Non-Patent literature “Magpie – towards a semantic web browser” by Dzbor, *et al.* (hereinafter Dzbor).

Claim Amendments

On page 8 of the Office Action, it is stated that claims 5 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 14 have been amended to recite all the limitations of claim 5 or claim 18, respectively, as suggested in the Office Action. Furthermore, independent claims 9 and 22 have been amended to recite additional limitations as recited in claims 5 or 18. Claims 5, 12, 13, 18, and 27 have been cancelled by this amendment. Applicants respectfully assert that in view of the amendments, each of the independent claims now defines over the prior art. Applicants further respectfully assert that whereas the remaining dependent claims each depend from one of the amended independent claims while reciting additional features, each of the dependent claims likewise defines over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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